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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs)
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Secretary, 40 Committee

SUBJECT: May Forecast of NRP Satellite and Aircraft Activities

Attached is the National Reconnaissance Program forecast of over-
flight activities for the month of May 1973, and highlight information
for the past 30 days on previously approved overflight activities.

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Attachment

NRO review(s) completed.

Approval
40 Committee Principal

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FORECAST OF IDEALIST/TACKLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1973


<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
4 Peripheral	U-2R		China/S. China Coasts
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NOTE: The eight peripheral missions will be flown against valid USIB requirements, and will be conducted in accordance with the restrictions set forth by higher authority on 5 August 1971, to remain at least 25 n.m. offshore from the PRC and to avoid overflights of PRC held islands.


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IDEALIST/TACKLE HIGHLIGHTS 16 MARCH - 15 APRIL 1973

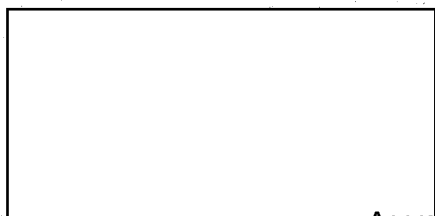
<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
		1. No unusual incidents occurred during the period.
		2. Two missions were cancelled because of poor weather conditions.

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IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD HIGHLIGHTS 16 MARCH - 15 APRIL 1973

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
		1. Missions were flown to test "H" Camera coverage of North Vietnam coastal areas. Because of haze, and film processing anomalies, the test was inconclusive.
		2. No hostile intent was noted.

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FORECAST OF OLYMPIC FIRE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1973

NUMBER OF MISSIONS

VEHICLE

TYPE

COUNTRY

4 Overflights

U-2R

Cuba

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NOTE: Estimate one/two sorties, depending on the weather, will be used to satisfy valid USIB requirements. The two remaining sorties are requested for use against other extraordinary/quick-reaction requirements that may occur during the month.

OLYMPIC FIRE HIGHLIGHTS 2 MARCH - APRIL 1973

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MISSION NUMBER

DATE FLOWN

REMARKS

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2. As of 1 April the USIB requirement for 90% of Cuba to be photographed quarterly showed [] of the area covered.

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